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Dear FDA:

This is to ask the FDA to require the labeling of genetically engineered food and to voice my opinion regarding Docket No. 00P - 1211 / CP1.

On 21 Mar 2000, a coalition of family farms, consumers, environmental groups, and the Center for Food Safety petitioned the FDA to require testing and labeling of genetically engineered food. I hereby register my support for that petition.

As a citizen of the free world, I believe that we, the consumers, have the right to know what is in the food we purchase as well as how it was produced. Furthermore, I believe in sustainable development, which strongly suggests that we ought to study the long-term effect on the environment of genetically modified (GM) organisms and plants before we widely adopt genetic engineering in food production. It also behooves mankind to understand the long-term effect on health from consuming GM food. Already, we are hearing about the threat to wild salmon from the interbreeding between wild salmon population and the GM farm-raised salmon; I am also well aware of the harmful effect of Bt-corn on monarch butterflies. I don't think the consumers need to overreact; however, we the consumers at least have the right to make a choice between purchasing GM food and non-GM food, and that right so far is being withheld from inadequate labeling from food producers.

To protect consumer rights, please require adequate labeling of food, especially GM food. For the long-term, please require testing of GM food's possible side-effects on the environment and on human dietary health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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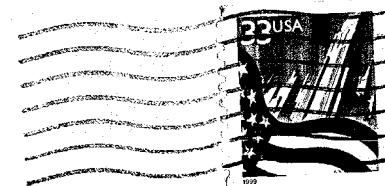
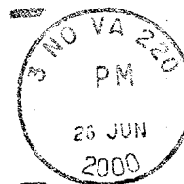
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